

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus body comprising a body, a nut holder, and a nut member,  
wherein the body comprises an end surface, a bolt insertion hole, and a nut retainer, a nut  
retaining apparatus for fastening a bolt to the body, the a bolt being inserted insertable into a the  
bolt insertion hole at an from the end surface of the body in a predetermined inclined direction  
tangent to the end surface of the body and past the nut retainer before the bolt is fastened to the  
nut member,  
wherein the nut retaining apparatus comprises a nut retainer and a nut holder,  
the nut retainer positioned at an insertion end of the bolt insertion hole in the body and  
against which a nut member having a threaded hole abuts, and  
the nut holder mounted on the body for supporting the nut member securely in the  
predetermined inclined direction before the bolt is fastened,  
wherein the nut member is retained and supported in the predetermined inclined direction  
at a position between the nut retainer and the nut holder and continuous with the bolt insertion  
hole; and  
wherein, when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, a fastening force is applied directly  
to the body nut retainer by the nut member and not to the nut holder.
2. (Currently Amended) The body apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the nut holder  
comprises an engaging portion engaging with the body, and a side surface support portion  
supporting a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface support portion supporting an  
end surface of the nut member.
3. (Currently Amended) The body apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the side surface  
support portion forms a V-shaped groove.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the end surface support portion includes a bolt insertion hole in communication with the threaded hole of the nut member.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the nut holder is mounted to the body from below the body.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the nut holder is mounted to the body from below the body.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the nut holder is made of resin.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the nut retainer includes a side surface retainer for contact with a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface retainer for contact with an end surface of the nut member.

9. First Occurrence (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the nut retainer includes a side surface retainer for contact with a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface retainer for contact with an end surface of the nut member.

9. Second Occurrence (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the nut retainer includes a side surface retainer for contact with a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface retainer for contact with an end surface of the nut member.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the body is made of

aluminum by die casting.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~body~~ apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the end surface of the body includes a positioning section for coupling a lateral frame member to the end surface of the body, wherein when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, thereby bringing the lateral frame member is brought into abutment against the positioning section, and the member coupling device couples the pipe member while positioning the lateral frame member.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A body~~ An apparatus comprising a body having a bolt insertion hole and a nut holder for fastening a bolt to the body, the bolt being inserted insertable into an end surface of the body from and through the bolt insertion hole in a predetermined inclined direction tangent to the end surface of the body, wherein the nut holder is mounted on the body in the predetermined inclined direction from the inserting direction of the bolt in a state wherein a nut member is supported in the predetermined inclined direction, thereby holding the nut member in a predetermined position; and wherein, when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, a fastening force is applied directly to the body and not to the nut holder.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~ apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising an engaging portion capable of engaging with the body, a side surface support portion supporting a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface support portion for supporting an end surface of the nut member.

17. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~ apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the side surface support portion forms a V-shaped groove.

- | 18. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the end surface support portion includes a bolt insertion hole through which the bolt can be inserted.
- | 19. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the nut holder is mounted on the body from below the body.
- | 20. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the nut holder is mounted on the body from below the body.
- | 21. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the nut holder is made of resin.
- | 22. (Currently amended) The ~~body~~-apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the nut retainer includes a side surface retainer for contact with a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface retainer for contact with an end surface of the nut member.